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Dear Chris:

I write on behalf of Abbott and Fournier in response to your June 23, 2006 letter. We disagree with the sweeping characterizations in your letter, but do not believe that a point-by-point response is required or productive. However, we provide the following responses to specific points you raise. In providing our responses, we do not waive any of our prior general and specific objections to the Interrogatories and are agreeing to supplement our prior answers to avoid unnecessary motion practice.

Interrogatory No. 5

Given the restrictions that you added, Abbott and Fournier will supplement their answers to this Interrogatory by July 11, 2006.

Interrogatory Nos. 6 and 7

Abbott and Fournier will provide a supplemental response to Interrogatory Nos. 6 and 7 that comports with Fed. R. Civ. P. 33(d) by July 31, 2006. Your proposal of July 11, 2006 is not an adequate amount of time. We will take your interpretation of Rule 33(d) under advisement in formulating our response but do not agree to your overly broad and burdensome interpretation of that rule's requirements. We continue to reserve the right to supplement our responses to these Interrogatories and any other discovery request as appropriate.

As discussed we will search for responsive documents concerning the Hilleman study. If there are responsive documents relating to the publication referenced in Abbott TriCor 95944, we will produce them.

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Interrogatory Nos. 1 and 3

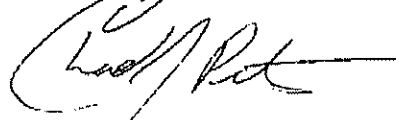
We confirm that there are no non-privileged tests on Teva's product performed by or on behalf of Abbott and Fournier other than the tests identified in Dr. Byrn's reports and the tests conducted by his laboratory in connection with those reports. Documents concerning those tests were produced in the patent litigation.

Plaintiffs agree that our pre-suit investigation regarding Teva's infringement is privileged. Any documents, communications and other activities created or occurring pre-suit would have been done under the direction of outside litigation counsel or pursuant to instruction of outside counsel, thereby reflecting communications to and from outside litigation counsel. Pursuant to the practice and working agreement of this case, and federal litigation practice in general, we are not going to log communications or activities reflecting communications to and from outside litigation counsel. Thus, we will not supplement our response as you requested.

You have asked us to make a binding election as to whether Abbott and Fournier will waive reliance on any tests of Teva's product subject to a privilege claim. We agree to an election in concept, but maintain that July 11, 2006 is premature. We propose to make an election 30-days prior to the close of fact discovery. If Abbott or Fournier elect to waive privilege, we will make discovery available immediately. Our proposal is subject to an agreement by all antitrust claimants to notify us by the same date whether they intend to assert privilege as to any tests conducted on Teva's products and, if so, make discovery available immediately.

I have attempted to address the main issues that you raised in the letter, but have not responded to each individual point. My decision not to address particular points should not be construed as an agreement with Teva on those points.

Sincerely,



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